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To help aid teachers and librarians in the search for appropriate resources to emphasize good character traits, this book provides an annotated guide to picture storybooks and the character traits each describes. It begins with an introduction that defines character, offers a history of character education, discusses what character education is, addresses competing theories of character education, answers the critics of character education, and discusses implementing character education. Arranged by 23 character traits, including cooperation, courage, honesty, self-discipline, and tolerance, and detailing more than 200 books, it includes both recent books and classics, and lists each alphabetically by author under each character trait. Each entry contains a brief annotation of the overall plot, a description of how the book illustrates the character trait indicated, and cross-references for other character traits indicated. Appendixes contain a 30-item annotated list of works that focus on friendship; a 30-item list of resources that are suitable for all ages; and a 140-item list of books that can be used to teach other aspects of the curriculum. (RS)

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